

*The August places to be...*

## **Wed. Aug. 4th Go-karts**

**No regular August Meeting**

## **Golf Outing Aug. 12th**

**See details pages 6 & 7**



*A little of everything!*

### **Jack and Lisa's Great Adventure!**

Our Trip to Ireland!  
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# RE **REPORT** *Jack Hanifan*

## July RE Report

### Upcoming events.

Pete Smith and Dick Stewart have planned the Golf outing and Go-Kart night for August- see flyers elsewhere in this issue. The thing to remember about the Golf outing is you do not need to be an experienced golfer to participate. We will find you clubs if you do not have any and it is a scramble format which means that anyone one can win. If you want to attend just let Dick know.

### August meeting

Our August meeting is Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at FUNPLEX Fun PARK on Route 9&20 in East Greenbush. Go-karts and Pizza- We will not meet at the Orchard in August.

### Region Quartermaster

The region is in need of a volunteer to sell our decals etc. The volunteer would take control of a small supply of decal, patches, pins etc. and sell them as needed at meetings and other events. They would also order the necessary replacements from SCCA National. If you are interested speak up at a meeting.

## COMPETITION REPORT

### July Competition Report

12 hour at New Jersey Motorsports Park

Pete Smith ran with the Subway crew at the 12 hour at NJMP and did well until the car was involved in an incident around the 10 hour mark, they lost about 45 minutes replacing a tie rod finishing mid pack.

### NER race at Lime Rock Park

MoHud did well at the NER Regional last weekend Dick Stewart finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in FV, Ron Bass was doing well but had to retire early with a broken head bolt. In Spec Miata, Bob Karl Jr. had a great race coming through the field from the back of the Grid to finish in the top 10. BK was a few cars behind and Tim Moll also had a good race finishing ahead of Walt Ryan.

### Double National at the Glen

The Double National at the Glen is a good deal- \$525 entry fee but a huge amount of track time- check out the schedule at NESCCA . com.

**Pocono National-** the National at Pocono will have several regional races in the schedule check this one out at NESCCA.com

## *Jim Garry reports...*

MoHud Treasurer Chip Van Slyke shook down his new Crossle Formula F at the June 6th MoHud autocross held at the McCarty Avenue OGS Lot. Purchased this winter from Membership Chairman Dave Wachtel, Chip acquired an engine for the car, revalved the shocks, and replaced several components in need of R&R. No parts were seen falling off the car and Chip turned in good times despite running road race compound Goodyear slicks on a mostly damp and sometimes wet track.



For Sale: F Prod Miata. 2008/2009 NARRC and NYSRRC Champion.

Complete car, some assembly needed, price negotiable.

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# SOLO SOLO SOLO

## **SOLO** Report

by Russ Burckhard

What a year this has been so far. The hits just keep on coming. After a scheduling conflict that caused us to lose our first point's event at Adirondack Community College, we are going to lose the last 2 events at Adirondack as well. I received a phone call letting me know that we were not welcomed to use the facility this fall. I have not had contact with the facilities director as of yet and have only heard from his secretary. The decision came from higher up and the reasons were noise complaints and expanding programs at the college. I will try to get more information and a letter of recommendation that will help us to find new sites.

We had our second point's event at the McCarty Ave. OGS lot on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It was an interesting day to say the least. The course was set up in the pouring rain. The rain kept attendance low as only 35 participants showed up. It was looking like we were going to get a lot of runs or we would be done early. Neither of those choices happened. Prior to the start of the event it looked like it was going to clear up. As the cars lined up for the first heat, it started to sprinkle again. Since I was driving a car with slicks, I did 1 run and was done for the first heat. The grip was so unpredictable alternating between the front and the rear depending on where on the course I was. With no possibility of the course drying before the end of the heat, it was best to park the car. A thunderstorm rolled in and we stopped the competition due to lightning. After a delay, we started back up. The sun started poking through the clouds and the course was drying. It was my turn to go on a drying but still wet course. I slid my way to a decent time considering the damp track. As I waited in line for my second run, I saw a line of very dark clouds heading towards us. I was hoping they would wait until my next run was done before it dumped the rain on us. I got closer to the start line, only 3 cars until I could go. That was as close to a somewhat dry course as I could get. A downpour ended my chance of a possibility of a fast run. It came down with fury. The rain started

as a downpour and then got worse. The winds picked up and the event was suspended once again. My wife had stopped by for a visit and she was doing her best to hold the tent down from the wind, it almost lifted her in the process. Fortunately the rain did not last but the track was completely soaked. I was done for the day. The winds stayed with us almost blowing the portable toilet down the hill and knocking the timing boxes out of position. The tents were not going to last long in the wind. After looking to the sky and figuring the racing Gods only had it out for me, we packed up the tents. The rest of the day went great. The sun was out, the breeze dried the track and the times dropped. Eric Smith had the luck of running the second heat and the skill to get the fastest time of the day. Out of the 35 that started the day, only 1 left early due to a prior commitment. I want to thank everyone for sticking it out through the worst weather that I can remember in over 15 years that I have been competing.

Some more bad news is that Seneca Army Depot will not be allowing any more autocrosses after this year. The upcoming National Tour at Seneca will be a great venue to attend to see how you stack up against some of the best drivers in the northeast and beyond. It very well may be the last major event at Seneca. As of this writing there are a dozen Mohud drivers that are going. Hopefully we will do the region proud and bring home some hardware.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**June 27 Wilton Mall**

**July 10-11 Seneca National Tour (FLR)**

**July 24-25 McCarty Ave OGS Lot**

**August 22 Wilton Mall**

**September 11 Adirondack Corvette Club  
at Prospect**

**September 19 Cancelled.**

***Trying to get replacement sites.***

**October 3 Cancelled.**

***Trying to get replacement sites.***



**MO-HUD ACTIVITIES  
SUMMER 2010**

**Wed. Aug. 4th  
Go-karts!**

**6 PM**

**\$2.50 per ride**

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MoHud's 7th Annual  
**GOLF OUTING**

**Burden Lake Golf Course**

**Thursday, August 12th, 2009**

**Tee Time: 2 PM**

**Cost is \$33 per person**

includes golf cart, food and the traditional awards ceremony which is no more than a nice pat on the back from Activities Director Pete Smith.

You do not have to be a good golfer to play.

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## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2010

**Secretary** May's monthly meeting minutes, published in the the last Kock Off, were approved by the Executive Committee.

**Treasurer** Skip gave a report on monthly expenses and income, including a summary of the financials for the recent Mo Hud race at Lime Rock Park.

**Solo/Rally** Russ reported that the Test and Tune held in May was a successful event, with 20 entires. The Solo event held at Adirondack Community College was also a success, with 56 entries. It was suggested that the Solo Committee consider developing a participant evaluation form, providing Solo competitors an opportunity to provide comments on Solo events. This will be taken under consideration by the Committee.

**PDX** Monticello has contacted Mo Hud and offered use of the full course for the PDX (we were planning on using the North course). The track offered a good price and, after review by the Executive Committee, it was agreed that we would change the format to the full course for the event.

**Race** Russ reported that the recent Lime Rock Park race was well attended, with 258 entries. Ten new track records were established.

**Membership** in Dave's absence, Russ reviewed the most recent membership numbers, and reported that the Region has gained 7 new members in the last month.

**Activities** Mo Hud will be at the Funplex in East Greenbush on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** None reported.

**New Business** None reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.



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**Treasurer** Skip gave a report on monthly expenses and income, including a summary of the financials for the recent Mo Hud race at Lime Rock Park.

**Knock Off** Russ reported that the recently published May edition was exceptionally lengthy.

**Solo/Rally** Russ reported that the Test and Tune at Seneca (coordinated by Jim Garry) was a successful event, with 20 entires. High winds at the completion of the event almost affected the timing. The Solo event held at Adirondack Community College was also a success, with 56 entries. Each participant had 7 runs. Members were reminded that a Solo event was scheduled for the upcoming weekend (Sunday) at the OGS McCarty Ave lot in Albany.

**PDX** DJ reported that we will be running the full course at the Sept 24<sup>th</sup> PDX at Monticello. Entry fee is \$250. A waiver has been requested so that Production cars can run at the event. Registration will be available online through Motorsportreg.com. The Region will need assistance (volunteers) so that the event is run smoothly.

**Race** Russ reported that the recent Lime Rock Park race was well attended, with 258 entries. Ten new track records were established. A summary of notable Mo Hud race finishes was provided the membership.

**Membership** Dave was not present, but had sent an email report to Russ with a summary of the monthly membership. The Region had seven new members in the previous month.

**Activities** Mo Hud will be at the Funplex in East Greenbush on August 4<sup>th</sup> for Go Karts. Golf date is tentatively scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> the date needs to be confirmed.

**Old Business** None reported.

**New Business** Patroon BMW Chapter will be conducting a Driver School at the Glen on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and needs additional instructors.

Tom Campbell reported that the recent Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show had over 350 entries, ten from Mo Hud.

John Sheridan gave a brief summary of the status of SCCA. Financially, it is in very good shape. From a competition event perspective solos entries are way down, regional race entries are also lower than last year, but national entries are running significantly higher.

The membership was advised that the last edition of Sports Car had an article about Jim Garry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

10 July 2010

# Monthly Membership Report 06/26/2010

## New member report 06/26/10. From: 02/25/10 to: 06/26/10.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
John Charles Baranoski	04/14/10	Schuylerville	NY
Kevin Belden	06/22/10	Averill Park	NY
Andrew Miccah Bernstein	03/21/10	Albany	NY
Leonard M. Clickman	03/18/10	Slingerlands	NY
Matthew Collings	04/26/10	Schenectady	NY
Ethan Corey	06/04/10	Melrose	NY
John Arthur Corey	06/04/10	Melrose	NY
Sue Corey	06/04/10	Melrose	NY
Glenn Cozzens	05/20/10	Danville	NH
Brian Dodd	03/15/10	Ballston Lake	NY
John Kevin Gebert	04/27/10	Troy	NY
Brian Hanaburgh	05/20/10	Johnstown	NY
Robert Harrington	05/24/10	Schenectady	NY
Edward M. Jordan	05/28/10	Canton	OH
Johann Koenig	05/27/10	Troy	NY
Devin LeMoine	04/27/10	Latham	NY
Matthew McDonald	06/24/10	Amsterdam	NY
Martin Eric Quackenbush	04/16/10	East Greenbush	NY
Sierra Seerup	04/27/10	Schenectady	NY
Paul Severino	06/05/10	Schenectady	NY
Edward Stammel	03/13/10	Ballston Spa	NY
Allan Varcoe	03/24/10	Schenectady	NY

*There were 22 records printed.*

## Interests report generated on: 06/26/10.

### Club Racing

John Charles Baranoski	Schuylerville	NY	Matthew Collings	Schenectady	NY
Kevin Belden	Averill Park	NY	Ethan Corey	Melrose	NY
Andrew Miccah Bernstein	Albany	NY	John Arthur Corey	Melrose	NY
Leonard M. Clickman	Slingerlands	NY	Sue Corey	Melrose	NY
Glenn Cozzens	Danville	NH	Glenn Cozzens	Danville	NH
Brian Dodd	Ballston Lake	NY	Robert Harrington	Schenectady	NY
Brian Hanaburgh	Johnstown	NY	Sierra Seerup	Schenectady	NY
Robert Harrington	Schenectady	NY	Paul Severino	Schenectady	NY
Edward M. Jordan	Canton	OH			
Matthew McDonald	Amsterdam	NY			
Paul Severino	Schenectady	NY			

### Pro Racing

John Charles Baranoski	Schuylerville	NY	John Kevin Gebert	Troy	NY
Glenn Cozzens	Danville	NH	Robert Harrington	Schenectady	NY
Brian Dodd	Ballston Lake	NY	Sierra Seerup	Schenectady	NY
Robert Harrington	Schenectady	NY	Paul Severino	Schenectady	NY
Paul Severino	Schenectady	NY	Allan Varcoe	Schenectady	NY

### Rally

John Charles Baranoski	Schuylerville	NY
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*There were 34 records printed.*

**Anniversary Report generated on: 06/26/10***For the year 2010*

Name	Joined on	Years	Name	Joined on	Years
	<b>April</b>			<b>June</b>	
Jim Garry	04/01/80	30.1	William Hudson	06/14/85	25.0
Steven Wold	04/01/80	30.1	Michael R. Larimer	06/12/85	25.0
Robert J. Polastre	04/04/85	25.1	Ellie Alexander	06/27/95	15.0
Diane Smith	04/19/85	25.0	Hannah Alexander	06/27/95	15.0
Diane Smith	04/19/85	25.0	Richard D. Alexander	06/27/95	15.0
Peter W. Smith	04/19/85	25.0	Chip Van Slyke	06/21/95	15.0
Linda O'Connor	04/16/90	20.0	Donald VanSlyke	06/21/95	15.0
Eric J. Kroth	04/25/95	15.0	Charles R. Campbell	06/29/00	10.0
Ron Bass	04/26/00	10.0	Lyndon W. Peck	06/28/05	5.0
James Wesley Cahill	04/03/00	10.1		<b>July</b>	
Charles Pond	04/18/00	10.0	Clark W. Nicholls	07/01/75	35.1
	<b>May</b>		<i>There were 29 records printed.</i>		
Anne B. Gifford	05/22/85	25.0	<b>There are 347 members in the region.</b>		
Carleton A. Foster	05/15/90	20.0			
Thomas F. With	05/21/90	20.0			
David C. Dartt	05/18/00	10.0			
Michael T. Filkins	05/05/05	5.1			
Tamie A. Filkins	05/05/05	5.1			
John C. Gulli	05/17/05	5.0			
Timothy Moll	05/06/05	5.1			

The computer that I use has had an intermittent system disk drive problems for awhile now. Generally these failures occurred just in time to cause me miss being able to produce a membership report for the KO. The problem became clear when the system disk drive controller failed. After recovering files from the disk, some new parts and software re-install/reconfigure, the machine is back up and running.

Anyway, we now have three hundred and forty seven members in the region, an increase of twenty two members from the last KO report.

There is a shortage of membership pins. I am doing an inventory and hope to be able to get a supply in for the July meeting, but time is short so it may be September until I have them in hand.

## Webmaster Report

Updates to the website: Supplementals, entry forms and on line registration link for the fall PDX event; Summer golf outing and go kart event information; Solo results through OGS Lot event 2; The July KO The verbiage at the top of the home page has been moved to a separate page with a link. Visitors now won't have to scroll down to see the latest news and links.

**Dave Wachtel** *Membership Chair/Webmaster*

# To Ireland we went!

## *And what a time we had!*

There was no reason to believe we'd see a race track in Ireland when we left Albany at the end of May. Jack had searched the internet beforehand and found there was only one in the entire country and no real idea where it was (or so he told me).

We traveled in a rented VW Golf turbo diesel on roads too narrow for words. The worst was my fear of the stone walls and what was around the next bend as we followed the landscape up, down and around. It is difficult to put into words the beauty of a country whose scenery changes from town to town and county to county. Rocky mountainsides leading to the ocean; pastures, filled in a green grass from Heaven, stone walls dissecting the valleys and hills; and all this inhabited by a people who grab at your heartstrings. We were greeted everywhere with genuine warmth and outgoing people interested in our story. Of course, they all had their own too. Ours will be a memory forever.

As our 16 day Irish vacation dwindled down to the last three days, we drove to Dublin, our last stop, where we were scheduled to fly out from on Sat., the 12th of June. When what to our wondering eyes should appear on the side of the widest road we traveled while there, non other than a sign for Mondello Park, the only race CAR track in Ireland. When we tell people we went to a race track they think of horses. We did that too in a fashion. We HAD TO go to Mondello!

After a few twists and turns through more small Irish towns, stopping for livestock and school children, we found Mondello. **Mondello Park** is Ireland's only international motorsport venue and is located in Caragh, Kildare County. It is owned by Martin Birrane, and home to the Irish round of the British Superbike Championship, Pickup Truck racing, and international GT and rallycross events.



*Conor Flood, Mondello track manager, was a great host. His background of track history was a treasure trove of great stories.*

*"Funny car"! Notice where the steering wheel, clutch and brake are.*



Irish Championship Car, Kart and Motorcycle races also take place there as well. A museum containing a number of rally and track cars from the past 30 or so years is on-site.

We ventured into Gate #4 where we were greeted by a friendly track employee who told us he would find someone to show us around. Conor Flood (same name coincidentally as our nephew's) track manager, gave us the royal of treatment with a quick lap around the track itself, showing us the apexes and spots for speed. Then on to the museum. There we saw some older very beautiful race and rally cars which track owner, Martin Birrane, has been collecting over the years. Parked outside the buildings were their track school cars as well as the "funny" car, all lined up on display. The "funny car" came equipped with the steering wheel on the left, brake and gas on the floor on the right and when the steering wheel was turned left, the wheels turned right and vice versa. He told us they had a lot of fun with that car. Unsuspecting folks who might be a bit cocky were given a chance to drive it. Many laughs were had at their expense. Conor Flood was a "retired" driver and gave us many tales of track history. Paul Newman had visited the park several times while attending childrens' charity events in Ireland. Mondello Park was a fabulous find and made Jack's trip all the better, of course.

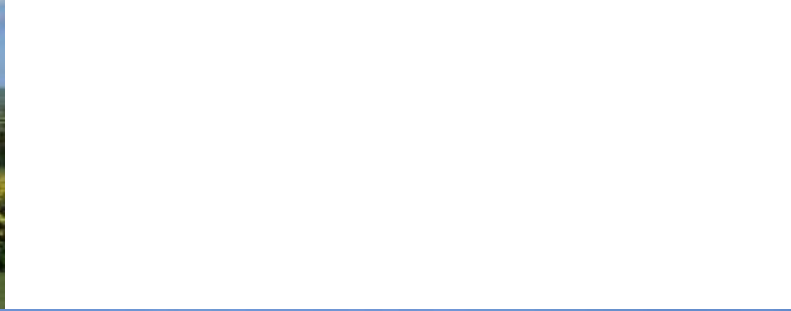


Although this was the highlight of the trip from the car perspective, there were so many others I could go on for days. I won't bore everyone but if you ever get a chance to go, it is an amazing country. The beauty of the countryside in its variety from rocky cliffs to palm trees and beaches amazed us as did the famous Irish people. Their spirit seems to come directly from the land they inhabit. For us to experience it was a absolute joy. I highly recommend it!

*More photos of the rest of our trip are following on pages 12-15.*







*"Tis truly a beauty  
not to be missed!"*







*Ask us about the trip and any of the photos.*

